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Roundtable TR2

WATER GOVERNANCE IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

Reporting on the presentations and working groups discussions

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Issue of coordination:

A few questions:

- A. TRUST: How to get together riverine or upstream-downstream parties?
- B. JOINT PROGRAMMES: How to implement IWRM, reducing pollution, reducing floods risks, public participation, ...?
- C. MONEY: How funding international cooperation?



- 1. Role of Eu /UNECE initiatives (Eu water initiatives for the EEECA region)
 - * Practical assistance to strengthen IWRM /UNECE, WFD, ...
 - * Policy packages (strategies, legal tools, governmental directives, ...)
- 2. Develop permanent International platforms as international river commissions, river basin organizations:
 - * For peaceful process: they develop trust among parties (ISC)
 - * For transversal politics linked to water: agriculture, tourism, transport,...
 - For prospective and innovation (Austria, new fields as microplastics)
 - * For public participation (Sava water council, NGOs, ...)
- 3. Develop Joint Operational Programmes between countries
 - * For **reducing risks of flooding** (automatic monitoring network in Romania Ukraine Moldova, Common floods protection plan in Romania)
 - For adaptation to climate change (modelling future water resources NEYMO project for river Neysse Germany /Poland)
 - For biodiversity protection (Prespanet)

ISSUES OF COORDINATION

- 1. Transversality: settle water governance bodies at different levels of the water hierarchy linked to others sectors, others stakeholders –
- 2. Build coherence between EU directives, UNECE convention,...
- 3. Transboundary cooperation for climate change adaptation
- 4. Necessary commitment of governments to support transboundary coordination
- 5. Importance of Local, regional initiatives for local implementation: the key roles of NGOs and self governance

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Develop financial and economic tools of IWRM** (financial and economic plan, economic assessment, labor input, balance sheets,...)
- 2. International exchange as motor innovation
- 3. Raising external funds through agreed projects Transboundary water management through improved data,
- 4. Information & knowledge transfer management
- 5. Invest in international cooperation pays back!